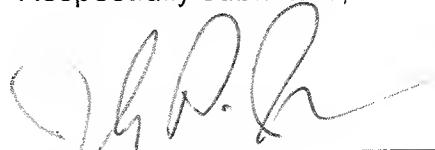


REMARKS

Claims 24-26, 29, 31, 34, 35, 48, 49 and 51-53 are pending in this application. and allowed. The canceled claims were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants seek to correct typographical errors in replacement claim 35 and further clarify replacement claim 48 that the isolated porA nucleic acid comprises the nucleotide sequence of an amplification product obtainable using the primers recited in the claim. Support for the clarification can be found throughout the application, including page 7, lines 4-7; page 10, lines 4-11; page 12, lines 5-22 and FIG. 1. No new matter has been added.

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